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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE -- DR. ALI BASTA

REF: CHANNING-BARR OM DATED 27 APR 76

1. AS REF OM WILL INDICATE, DR. ALI BASTA, CHIEF OF NEPHROLOGY DEPARTMENT AT MUSTAPHA HOSPITAL IN ALGIERS, IS INTERESTED IN UNDERTAKING ONE YEAR OF ADVANCED RESEARCH IN NEPHROLOGY, FOCUSING IN PARTICULAR ON DISEASE MEMBRANO-PROLIFERATIVE GLOMERULONEPHRITIS, AT AMERICAN HOSPITAL PRIOR TO ASSUMING DIRECTORSHIP OF MAJOR CENTER FOR TREATMENT OF KIDNEY DISEASES NOW UNDER CONTRUCTION IN ALGERIA. ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED PAY ALL COSTS ON CONDITION THAT DR. BASTA BEGIN HIS PROGRAM BY END OF OCTOBER 1976.

2. ON JUNE 23, DR. BASTA WROTE SIX LEADING AMERICAN NEPHROLOGISTS REQUESTING OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN THEIR DEPARTMENTS AND ENCLOSING DETAILED CURRICULUM VITAE AND STATEMENT OF INTERESTS. TO DATE, HE HAS RECEIVED ONE -- NEGATIVE -- RESPONSE. FIVE LISTED BELOW HAVE NOT RESPONDED:

A) DR. GORDON WALKER, DEPTS. OF MEDICINE & PEDIATRICS,
JOHN HOPKINS UNIV. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, BALTIMORE

B) DR. GEORGE SCHREIBER, GEORGETOWN UNIV.
HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON

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C) DR. LOUIS TOBIAN, DIVISION OF HYPERTENSION &

NEPHROLOGY, DEPT. OF MEDICINE, UNIV. OF MINNESOTA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, MINNEAPOLIS

D) DR. JOHN MERRILL, DEPT. OF MEDICINE, PETER BENT
BRIGHAM HOSPITAL, BOSTON

E) DR. GEORGE PORT, DEPT. OF MEDICINE, UNIV. OF
OREGON MEDICAL SCHOOL, PORTLAND

3. DR. BASTA IS ALSO WRITING DR. ELI FRIEDMAN, DOWNSTATE
MEDICAL CENTER, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, WHO -- IN LETTER TO CAO --
INFORMALLY SUGGESTED THERE MIGHT BE PLACE FOR BASTA IN
HIS DEPARTMENT, AND DR. LEVINE, HENRY FORD HOSPITAL, DETROIT,
WHO, DR. BASTA HAS LEARNED, IS STRONG POSSIBILITY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DR. BASTA'S PROPOSAL IS EXACTLY THE
KIND OF TECHNICAL EXCHANGE WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE. POST
REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT NEPHROLOGISTS LISTED IN PARA
2 ABOVE IN SUPPORT OF BASTA'S PROPOSAL AND SOLICIT EARLY
RESPONSE. IF NONE OF THESE GIVES POSITIVE RESPONSE, POST
SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT APPROACH NEPHROLOGISTS LISTED IN PARA 3
ABOVE ALONG SAME LINES. UPON PLACEMENT, POST WILL SUBMIT
SEPARATE PROPOSAL FOR PARTIAL TRAVEL GRANT TO PERMIT DR.
BASTA TO VISIT SEVERAL MAJOR MEDICAL CENTERS IN COURSE OF YEAR.
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